

# Directive

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## PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTION OF EXPORT GRAIN SHIPPED FROM INTERIOR LOCATIONS

### 1. PURPOSE

This directive establishes phytosanitary inspection procedures on export grain that is shipped from interior locations within the United States.

### 2. BACKGROUND

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for inspecting plants and plant products offered for export and certifying as to their freedom from plant pests in accordance with the phytosanitary requirements of foreign countries. In order to assist shippers and other interested parties in obtaining phytosanitary inspection services at export port locations in the United States and Canada, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) and APHIS entered into an agreement in which official inspection personnel perform phytosanitary inspections for APHIS on the basis of samples drawn by official inspection personnel. Refer to FGIS Directive 9180.35, dated 5-1-97, for the agreement, procedures, and phytosanitary requirements.

In response to the recent surge in containerized grain shipments, APHIS and GIPSA have agreed to expand the existing phytosanitary agreement to include grain shipped by all types of land carriers (e.g., containers, trucks, railcars) from interior locations.

### 3. POLICY

Phytosanitary inspection service is available only upon request of an applicant and is provided only on the basis of officially sampled lots of grain. **This service is not available from any official commercial inspection service or submitted sample inspection service.**

Phytosanitary inspection services are based on samples obtained on-line (e.g., pelican, diverter type sampler), when the grain is at rest in the carrier (probe sample), or when grain is transferred from a carrier to a bin for temporary storage. Samples may represent individual carriers, individual bins, or a composite of several carriers. Grain must be loaded into empty bins and must not have other non-sampled grain commingled with it if it is identified as a bin sample.

The service is available as an independent service or as part of a request for official sampling and/or grading services. The applicant for service must provide official inspection personnel with the intended export destination and any additional phytosanitary inspection requirements (i.e., prohibited weed seeds) required for the shipment.

#### 4. PROCEDURES

Official personnel will count, identify, and report insects and any additional phytosanitary condition (e.g., prohibited weed seeds), as requested by the applicant, found in the samples. This information will assist APHIS in the issuance of a phytosanitary inspection certificate.

a. Sampling and Inspection.

- (1) Obtain a sample for inspection according to approved GIPSA sampling procedures.
- (2) Inspect the sample for live insects and larvae, and any additional phytosanitary condition requested by the applicant.
- (3) Report the inspection results on form FGIS 921-2, Inspection Report – Insects in Grain. If live insects are found, official personnel must identify the kind of insect detected. Inspection results for additional phytosanitary conditions (e.g., cottonseed) are reported in the “Remarks” section. An example of a completed form is attached.
- (4) Official personnel must alert the shipper when insects are found. The applicant for service or the official inspection personnel may need to consult with the APHIS office to determine which insects are prohibited for the destination country or to gain assistance for insect identification. Official personnel must maintain unidentified insects in case APHIS must make the final determination.
- (5) Official personnel may also need to furnish a representative sample to APHIS if additional inspections by APHIS are required.

b. Documentation.

- (1) For grain that is loaded into land carriers and shipped directly for export purposes, issue an Official Export Inspection certificate for each identified lot. Include in the “Identification” or “Remarks” section of the certificate, as applicable, the identification of the carriers that make up the lot.
- (2) For grain that is sampled and placed into bins for temporary storage, issue an Official Sample-Lot Inspection certificate for the bin. Use a bin number or identifier as the identification of the lot and list the individual carrier identifications in the “Remarks” section. Only grain that is loaded into an empty bin and does not have any non-sampled grain commingled with it is eligible for a bin sample lot inspection.

- (3) Include the corresponding inspection certificate number and any other pertinent information in the "Remarks" section of form FGIS-921-2 to help identify the lot and service provided.
- (4) The shipper must provide the official agency with information for forwarding [fax, email, or mail] a copy of the inspection certificate and form FGIS 921-2 to the office issuing the phytosanitary inspection certificate. Shippers may send the APHIS certifying office the original inspection certificate and the original form FGIS 921-2 in lieu of the official agency sending the information direct to the certifying office.

## **5. QUESTIONS**

Direct any questions concerning these procedures to Bob Lijewski, Policies and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0224 or email at [robert.s.lijewski@usda.gov](mailto:robert.s.lijewski@usda.gov)

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  <b>INSPECTION REPORT – INSECTS IN GRAIN</b>  Page 1 of 1		1. Name and Address of Shipper ABC Container Industries Milwaukee, WI		
		2. Name and Address of Co-Signee		
		3. Location Clinton, WI	4. Commodity Yellow Corn	5. Quantity 15 containers
6. Country of Destination People's Republic of China (PRC)		7. Name of Vessel N/A		8. Loading Date Start/Date Finished 1-13-05 to 1-14-05
9. Sublot No.	10. Stowage (Hold Nos.)	11. Quantity	12. No. of Live Insects	13. Name of Insect
TOLU 246599		Container	0	
APZU 204896		Container	0	
NOSU 228974		Container	0	
SCZU 762288		Container	0	
NOSU 245583		Container	0	
TRLU 338096		Container	1	Confused flour beetle
CLHU 329215		Container	0	
APLS 301797		Container	0	
GESU 269977		Container	0	
TOLU 321986		Container	0	
TTNU 252666		Container	0	
APLS 302670		Container	0	
TTNU 261917		Container	0	
APZU 301637		Container	1	Rice weevil
TEXU 210401		Container	0	
14 Remarks(Use reverse for additional space) <b>Enter the applicable information as listed below.</b>			15. Signature of Inspector	

For additional phytosanitary inspection services use the following format.  
 "Carriers do not contain (enter specific weed seed/condition)"

For phytosanitary inspection service on grain loaded directly to containers as a composite lot use the following format:  
 "Lot # 210964, 15 containers, certificate # US-265498"

For phytosanitary inspection service performed on grain that is transferred from containers to a bin for temporary storage use the following format:  
 "Lot # 210964, 15 containers loaded into bin # 146, certificate # US-265500"

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